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Hearing Program
Petition No. 1313
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
11:00 a.m.
Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room Two
Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

- I. Opening by Council
  - A. Statement read by Chair.
  - B. Comments by Public Official(s) (if any)
  - C. Motions
    - 1. Christine Kilbourn-Jones Request for Party Status, dated October 2, 2017
    - 2. DWW Solar II, LLC's Motion to Compel Responses to Interrogatories from Flammini, et al., dated October 4, 2017
  - D. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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## II. Appearance by Petitioner

Petitioner: DWW Solar II, LLC

Representative: Lee D. Hoffman, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC

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### B. Exhibits for Identification.

- 1. Petition for a Declaratory Ruling filed by DWW Solar II, LLC, received June 29, 2017, and attachments.
- 2. DWW Solar II, LLC's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set I, dated August 28, 2017
- 3. DWW Solar II, LLC's Proposed Field Review Driving Route, dated September 1, 2017
- 4. DWW Solar II, LLC's Aerial Drone Video Footage of Proposed Site, dated September 1, 2017
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- 6. DWW Solar II, LLC's Responses to the Department of Agriculture's Interrogatories, Set I, dated September 5, 2107
- DWW Solar II, LLC's Sign Posting Correspondence with photographs, dated September 5, 2017
- 8. DWW Solar II, LLC's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set II, with attachments, dated October 3, 2017
- 9. DWW Solar II, LLC's Visual Simulation Revision of Viewpoint 44 depicting changes from the October 3 2017 Project Layout Map, dated October 9, 2017

## C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. Claude Cote
- 2. Jeffrey Grybowski, Deepwater Wind
- 3. Aileen Kenney, Deepwater Wind
- 4. Shawn Markham, Soltek, LLC
- 5. Susan Moberg, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- 6. Gordon Perkins, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services (EDR)
- 7. Jeffrey Peterson, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- 8. Paul Vitaliano PE, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- 9. Adam T. Henry, GZA

- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
  - 1. Council
  - 2. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
  - 3. Department of Agriculture (DOAg)
  - 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al./Kilbourn-Jones
  - 5. Town of Simsbury

III. Appearance by Party:

Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.

Christine Kilbourn-Jones

Representatives:

Alan M. Kosloff, Esq. Alter Pearson, LLC

- A. Administrative Notice.
- B. Exhibits for Identification.
  - 1. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s Request for Party Status, dated August 28, 2017
  - 2. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s Pre-filed Testimony of George Logan with attachments, dated September 8, 2017
  - 3. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s, Pre-filed Testimony, dated September 11, 2017
    - a. Lis Shlansky, MD, MPH
    - b. Ed and Carol F. Wrobel
    - c. Michael Flammini
    - d. Linda Lough
  - 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s Responses to DWW Solar II, LLC Interrogatories, Set One, dated September 27, 2017
  - 5. Kilbourn-Jones' Request for Party status, dated October 2, 2017
  - 6. Additional Pre-filed Testimony, dated October 9, 2017
    - a. Chris Kilbourn-Jones
    - b. Laura Nigro
    - c. John Marcktell
  - C. Swear Witnesses
    - 1. Michael Flammini
    - 2. Laura Nigro
    - 3. Linda Lough
    - 4. Lisabeth Shlansky, MD, MPH
    - 5. John Marcktell
    - 6. Ed Wrobel
    - 7. George T. Logan
    - 8. Christine Kilbourn-Jones
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  - 2. Petitioner
  - 3. DOAg
  - 4. DEEP
  - 5. Town of Simsbury

IV. Appearance by Party: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Representative: Kirsten S.P. Rigney, Esq.

Bureau of Energy Technology Policy

**DEEP** 

A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
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  - C. Swear Witness

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  - 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al. /Kilbourn-Jones
  - 5. Town of Simsbury

V. Appearance by Party: Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

Representative: Jason Bowsza

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### B. Exhibits for Identification.

- 1. Department of Agriculture's Notice of Intent to Be a Party, dated August 1, 2017
- 2. Department of Agriculture's Comments from Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner, dated August 30, 2017
- 3. Department of Agriculture's Pre-filed Testimony of Kipen Kolesinskas, dated September 5, 2017
- 4. Department of Agriculture's Responses to Council Interrogatories, Set I, dated October 3, 2017
- 5. Department of Agriculture's Responses to DWW Solar II, LLC's Interrogatories, Set I, dated October 6, 2017

### C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. Kipen Kolesinskas, Consulting Conservation Scientist
- 2. Stephen Anderson
- 3. Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
  - 1. Council
  - 2. Petitioner
  - 3. DEEP
  - 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al./Kilbourn-Jones
  - 5. Town of Simsbury

## VI. Appearance by Party:

Town of Simsbury

Representatives:

Jesse A. Langer, Esq. Robert M. DeCrescenzo, Esq. Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.

A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
  - 1. Town of Simbury's Request for Party Status, dated July 6, 2017
  - 2. Town of Simsbury's Pre-filed Testimony with attachments, dated September 5, 2017
    - a. Lisa L. Heavner, First Selectwoman, Town of Simsbury
    - b. Marguerite Carnell, Vice Chair, Simsbury Historic District Commission
    - c. Robert J. Carr P.E., LEP, Zuvic, Carr and Associates, Inc.
    - d. Chad Frost, Kent + Frost, LLC
  - 3. Town of Simsbury's Pre-filed Testimony of James D. Rabbitt, dated October 2, 2017
  - 4. Town of Simsbury's Responses to DWW Solar II, LLC's Interrogatories with attachments, dated October 3, 2017
  - 5. Town of Simsbury's Responses to Council Interrogatories with attachments, dated October 3, 2017
  - 6. Town of Simsbury's Addendum to Council Interrogatory Response to No. A6f-2, dated October 3, 2017
  - 7. Town of Simsbury's Supplemental Disclosure to DWW Solar II, LLC's Interrogatories Concerning Review of Town and DEEP files, dated October 5, 2017
  - 8. Town of Simsbury's Supplemental Disclosure to DWW Solar II, LLC's Interrogatories Concerning State Historic Preservation Office Correspondence, dated October 6, 2017

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- 1. Council
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- IV. Continuation by Connecticut Siting Council.